

# REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 03 July 2001  
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.  
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Roadshow Entertainment (NZ) Ltd  
 Title of Publication: The Art Of War  
 Other Known Titles: Not Stated  
 Director: Christian Duguay  
 Producer: Nicolas Clermont  
 Publisher: Not Applicable  
 Author: Not Applicable  
 Format: DVD  
 Country of Origin: USA  
 Languages: English, Chinese

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## Components of film originally examined:

Menu:	Play Movie		
	Special Features		
	Scene Selection		
	English Subtitles		
Feature:	The Art Of War	Running time:	112.25
Other Moving	Trailer	Running time:	2.15
Components:	On The Set		12.56
	Wesley Snipes		2.10
	Anne Archer		1.37
	Donald Sutherland		1.03
	Michael Biehn		1.36
	Cory Hiroyuki Tagawa		1.16
	Christian Duguay		2.27

Other Components: Biographies

Total Running time: 137.45

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains violence.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 03 July 2001

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The DVD *The Art Of War* is classified as:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The publication is a zone 4 DVD containing a feature that is identical to a feature contained on a 35mm film of the same title (OFLC No. 1436) which has been previously classified by the Office of Film and Literature Classification (Classification Office). The decision was registered on 5 March 2000. The classification of that film was objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years, with the descriptive note 'Contains violence'. The feature on the DVD is also identical to that contained on a zone 1 DVD of the same title which has also been previously classified by the Classification Office (OFLC No. 100013). This also received the same classification as the film. That decision was registered on 17 January 2001.

While the feature on the present DVD is the same as that on the film and on the zone 1 DVD, the present DVD contains a number of other components not contained on these other publications. These extra components include a trailer, behind the scenes footage, and interviews with the director and stars of the feature. The behind the scenes and interview components are informative and give some context to the feature. However, they do nothing to lessen the impact of the extensive violence appearing in the feature. Therefore, the extra components do not add anything that would result in the DVD receiving a different classification to that given to the film. Consequently, the DVD is also classified as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

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